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(54) Title: USE OF A 7 $\alpha$ -METHYL-17 $\alpha$ -ETHYNYL-ESTRANE DERIVATIVE FOR THE TREATMENT OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS

(57) Abstract

The invention relates to the use of a 7 $\alpha$ -methyl-17 $\alpha$ -ethynyl-estrane derivative having general formula (I) wherein R<sub>1</sub> = H(OR<sub>3</sub>) or O; R<sub>2</sub> = H or (C<sub>1-18</sub>)Acyl; R<sub>3</sub> = H or (C<sub>1-18</sub>)Acyl; and the dotted line represents a double bond in the 4,5- or the 5,10-position for the manufacture of a medicament for the prophylaxis or the treatment of atherosclerosis.

